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SUBJECT: FINNISH PARTICIPATION IN UNFICYP MAY COME UNDER RENEWED
 PRESSURE

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1. OSMO WIIO, LIBERAL MP WHO CHAIRS DEFENSE COMMITTEE
OR PARLIAMENT ON MILITARY EXPENDITURES, TOLD AMBASSADOR
DECEMBER 27 THERE IS INCREASING ADAMANCY IN PARLIAMENT TO
DISCONTINUE PARTICIPATION OF FINNISH TROOPS IN UNFICYP DUE
TO CONTINUED INCREASE IN UNREIMBURSED COST TO GOF. FINNS
CUT UNFICYP TROOP STRENGTH BY ONE-FOURTH IN AUGUST TO SHOW
DISSATISFACTION AT GROWING UNFICYP ARREARAGE.

2. WIIO STATED HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE FINNS IN
NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE WITHDREW THEIR TROOPS ENTIRELY
FROM CYPRUS. HE AND HIS COMMITTEE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM
SINAI AND CYPRUS. HE POLITELY URGED AMBASSADOR TO NOTIFY
USG OF THIS PROBABLE PENDING ACTION.
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3. GOF IN JUNE RENEWED ITS COMMITMENT TO UNFICYP BUT ONLY
TO DECEMBER 15, 1976. WHILE GOF IN PAST HAS ACCEDED TO
UNSYG REQUESTS TO EXTEND FINNISH PARTICIPATION DESPITE LACK
OF REIMBURSEMENT, DOMESTIC PRESSURE RE FINNISH BUDGET DRAIN
GROWING DURING TIME OF SEVERE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES.

4. FINNISH PRESS DECEMBER 8 CARRIED REPORT THAT ARREARS IN UN PAYMENTS FOR UNFICYP TROOPS GREATER IN CASE OF FINLAND (50 MILLION MARKS) THAN FOR ANY OTHER CONTRIBUTOR STATE. PRESS REPORTED THEN THAT UN IN SEPTEMBER MADE FIRST UNFICYP PAYMENT TO FINLAND (ABOUT 5 MILLION MARKS) IN ABOUT TWO YEARS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE FROM DEPARTMENT OR USUN UPDATED INFO CONCERNING UNFICYP FINANCING SITUATION AND PROSPECTS FOR MEETING ARREARS.
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